

REMARKS

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species I, illustrated in Figures 1-9;

Species II, illustrated in Figures 10-15;

Species III, illustrated in Figures 16-21; and

Species IV, illustrated in Figure 22.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicant elects Species II, illustrated in Figures 10-15, without traverse.

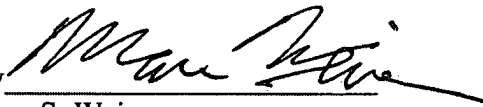
Claim(s) 1-4, 7-9, 12, 15 and 18 are directed to the elected species. In the Election Requirement, the Examiner indicated that there were no generic claims. Applicant submits, however, that claims 1-4 do not exclude any of the species identified by the Examiner and are therefore generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Marc S. Weiner, Registration No. 32,181 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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